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AMEMBASSY ROME

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 3942

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR EG FR  
SUBJ: CHANGE OF EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN PARIS

REF: CAIRO 3117 (NOTAL)

1. SUDDENESS OF ANNOUNCEMENT SWITCH IN EGYPTIAN AMBASSADORS  
TO PARIS (REF) IS PREDICTABLY GENERATING RUMORS OF SCANDAL.  
WESTERN DIPLOMAT TELLS US BROTHER OF NEW AMBASSADOR, HAFIZ ISMAIL,  
SAID HAFIZ GOT CALL NOT TO GO TO INDIA ON SAME DAY HE WAS DUE  
DEPART FOR NEW DELHI. EGYPTIAN JOURNALIST TELLS US NAGUIB  
AL-QADRI, PREVIOUS PARIS INCUMBENT, LEARNED HE OUT OF JOB FROM MENA  
REPORT, PROMPTLY CABLED HIS RESIGNATION FROM FOREIGN SERVICE AND  
WAS LAST HEAR OF IN ROME.

2. COMMENT: RUMOR RUNS THAT DE GUIRINGAUD BROUGHT WORD THAT  
ASHRAF MARWAN, ARMS DEALER EXTRAORINAIRE, WAS EMBARRASSING  
GOE BY HIS WHEELER DEALER STYLE. WE HAD PREVIOUSLY KNOWN THAT  
ASHRAF, IN HIS AOI AND OTHER CAPACITIES, DID NOT CHECK IN WITH  
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AL-QADRI WHILE ON BUYING TRIPS TO PARIS, MUCH TO  
ALTTER'S CHAGRIN. WE CANNOT CONFIRM STORIES OF FINANCIAL SCANDALS  
WHICH GAINING GROUND LOCALLY, BUT IF SADAT DOES WANT STRONG,  
SENIOR MAN IN PARIS, HAFIZ IS OBVIOUS CHOICE, HAVING HIGH PERSONAL  
RANK, REPUTATION FOR HONESTY, AND LONG PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE  
IN MILITARY AFFAIRS. (HE NEGOTIATED 1955 CZECH ARMS DEAL.)  
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